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Dear Becky,

**Ref: Import of Aggregates at Newhaven Port - Letter of Support to Brett's Planning Application.**

**Newhaven Port works to attract major inward investment to Newhaven and surrounding area**

In January 2012, Newhaven Port and Properties Ltd ('NPP') published its Port Masterplan, which was based on 3 years of exhaustive studies, analysis and extensive local consultation. The Port Masterplan was accepted and strongly endorsed by all major consultees and local Councils and referred to as an example of good practice in the Ports Review carried out recently by the UK Government.

The Masterplan identifies 5 strategic priorities for Newhaven Port. Strategic Priority 2 is to invest in infrastructure to establish a clean technology and renewable energy business cluster, building on the opportunities in offshore wind. This Strategic Priority 2 is now almost achieved with Rampion Offshore Windfarm set up at the East Quay for more than 2 years.

In addition, NPP is also seeing increased interest from companies that wish to have a base in the port and is also proposing to extend the engineering sheds at the rear (east side) of the East Quay (known as the 'barn' area).

NPP also has a commercial and strategic need to increase the amount of marine traffic using the port, after many years of declining volumes, but it has very limited available quayside space with which to support this.

Therefore, NPP have been successful in submitting a planning application to build a new, multi-purpose, quayside of maximum length of 300 metres at the southern end of the port, which will also have the benefit of widening the current restricted access to the inner harbour and ferry terminal. The new quayside will be used for the mooring and handling of a variety of vessels and cargoes. The new Port Access Road supported by ESCC will be the vital link between the port extension and Enterprise Zone to the National road networks.

**Brett proposals,**

In order to achieve the above NPP must be financially secure for the long term. Additional income from projects such as the Brett proposals is critical in delivering long term financial viability for the port. NPP is committed to making the Port financially viable for the long term and is fully supportive of developments like the Brett proposals which help to secure this long-term viability, and to generate 30+ jobs by implementing their revised proposals.

The importance of the Port to the economy of the Newhaven area is clearly recognised in Local and County Policy, and this desire to create additional jobs further reinforced by the recent classification of the Port as an Enterprise Zone. Brett was attracted by this economic vision and the proposals for growth and development of the region and by Newhaven Port's deep-berth facilities and the ability of aggregate importation into Newhaven by vessel to replace aggregates currently imported into the county by road, enabling the development of new homes and major infrastructure projects in East Sussex with a net reduction in road miles.

Brett has provided detailed impact assessment of its proposed activities, has consulted widely on its proposals, and has demonstrated that its activities will not cause unacceptable impact. Newhaven Port is a working port, and the concessions offered by Brett go above and beyond those which cover other port activities and in the view of NPP show a willingness by Brett to recognise the need to be sensitive to neighbours of the Port while enabling the economic activity which is required to generate jobs and to contribute towards the long-term viability of the port.

Additional benefits include the reopening of rail access to the port and minerals supply to East Sussex. This will reduce the carbon footprint of HGV miles on the roads of East Sussex, whilst supplying diminishing, but valuable construction materials needed for the future development and construction of infrastructure throughout the county.

Your Sincerely, 



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